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TAGS: CDES HK (FOO HOO, WING HONG)

SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: WING H. FOO HOO

(AKA WANG FONG SOO HOO, FANG CHAO-NENG)

REF: HONG KONG 9532

1. MFA CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT INFORMED USLO BY TELEPHONE AUGUST 18 OF THE DEATH OF A US CITIZEN IDENTIFIED AS WANG FONG SOO HOO FROM HEART ATTACK DURING VISIT TO TIENTSIN ON AUGUST 15 (SINCE ALL OTHER DETAILS MATCH, WE ASSUME SUBJECT IS SAME AS REFTEL). ACCORDING TO MESSAGE PASSED BY MFA VIA USLO CHINESE STAFFER, WING WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS NIECE, MISS CHEN HUI-CHANG, WHO HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM WING'S WIFE TO CREMATE REMAINS AND RETURN THEM AND PERSONAL EFFECTS TO THE US. MESSAGE SAID CREMATION WAS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 20 AND ASKED FOR USG REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURN OF ASHES TO US.

2. IN RESPONSE REFTEL, WE NOTIFIED MFA AUGUST 19 THAT WE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT SON DOES NOT WANT CREMATION, BUT INSTEAD WISHES BODY PREPARED FOR AIR SHIPMENT TO US. WE ALSO ASKED MFA TO ARRANGE FOR MISS CHEN TO CONTACT USLO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. PLEASE INFORM NOK THAT APPROXIMATE CHARGE FOR EMBALMING AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO US WEST COAST

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BY AIR IS DOLS 7,500. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT BY

AIR WOULD BE DOLS 425. SINCE WE HAVE NO PRIOR
EXPERIENCE IN SHIPPING REMAINS FROM CHINA, IT SHOULD
BE STRESSED THAT THESE CHARGES ARE ONLY ESTIMATES AND
ACTUAL COST COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT. (FOR
ADDITION INFORMATION SEE USLO OM DEATH AND ESTATES,
MAY 8, 1975.)

4. WHILE MFA'S UNPRECEDENTED ACTION OF INFORMING US
OF WING'S DEATH IS ENCOUCAGING, WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN
OF EXTENT OF COOPERATION WHICH WE CAN EXPECT
FROM THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES. IN DICUSSSIONS WITH
NOK IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT USLO'S ABILITY TO
EXPEDITIOUSLY CARRY OUT THEIR WISHES DEPENDS TO CON-
SIDERABLE EXTENT ON THE RESPONSIVENESS OF CHINESE
GOVERNMENT.
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